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1. PANAM'S BANGKOK MANAGER TOLD EMBOFF PANAM HAD SUFFERED FUEL CUTS OF 24 PERCENT FROM NORMAL CONTRACT LEVELS. ALTHOUGH SITUATION SERIOUS, IT IS NOT OUT OF HAND. PLANS WERE BEING MADE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH PANAM, NEW YORK THAT MIGHT RESULT IN SCRUBBING A FEW FREIGHT FLIGHTS; HOWEVER, NO PASSENGER FLIGHTS LIKELY TO BE CANCELLED THIS MONTH. PANAM MANAGER SUGGESTED BEST SOURCE FOR INFORMATION ON WORLD WIDE FUEL PICTURE FOR PANAM WAS COMPANY'S FUEL SUPPLY SECTION IN NEW YORK OFFICE.

2. BANGKOK MANAGER FOR TWA CLAIMED HIS AIRLINE EXPERIENCING NO SHORTAGE IN FUEL AVAILABILITY YET. ESSO, WHICH SUPPLIES TWA, PREDICTED A 5 1/2 PERCENT CUT IN JET FUEL DURING JANUARY, BUT EVEN THIS SMALL CUT IS NOT CERTAIN. TWA MANAGER CLAIMED THAI INTER HARD HIT BY FUEL CUTS IN JAPAN, SAID ONLY REAL TROUBLE FOR TWA WOULD ARISE IF RTG ORDERED RATIONING OF JET FUEL, WHICH WOULD FORCE TWA TO SHARE FUEL SHORTFALLS RESULTING FROM HEAVIER CUTS ORDERED BY CALTEX AND SHELL.

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